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EDITORIAL

"THE YANKEE DIVISION AND U. M. T."

By J. H. Smith

Two great wars have certainly taught us the necessity of being prepared and, a real need for some sort of peace-time training of the young men who must be called upon to defend our shores, the skies above us and the seas around us.

The veterans of the 26th Infantry Division are, one in the opinion that there is no time to be wasted in getting a program of national defense underway. We know that there is no real love for us on the part of the peoples of Europe, other than for what we can, from time to time, hand out to them. Yes, we are told that the little man, the plain Joe citizen of Europe, regards us as their only friends in the world; that we must do all within our means to aid them during their post-war trials and tribulations. But, we are also aware of the fact that these same plain Joe's made up better than ninety per cent of the armies that leveled Europe, brought death and destruction to many people throughout the world. And, also, we are aware of the fact that, given another chance they would repeat their old mistakes of blindly following some other hair-brained schemer or schemers who are still stupid enough to believe that they can conquer the world.

We, of the 26th Infantry Division, know this to be a fundamental truth. We further know, that many countries have allowed themselves to be placed under slavery because they lacked the moral guts to fight for their freedom even if that fighting meant death. Rather they sit quietly down and accept whatever fate has dished up to them; and, we further know that there are many within the ranks of our own people who would willingly quit if we were attacked by the same powers that have usurped the rule of those countries in Central Europe.

The veterans of the 26th Infantry Division through

their experiences with the peoples of Europe, both in peace and war, are alert to the great danger that constantly confronts our people, politicians and, their opinions to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is not new to say: "The best defense in war is to be prepared in peace." To be prepared means to set up, and to follow through with a program that will inform all the peoples of the world that we will not be lulled into a sense of false security, but be so well prepared that we shall destroy once and for all those who have any idea in their minds to conquer us.

We know that those nations, the slum nations of European civilization, will be a constant threat to the ways of peace for all men so long as they remain the breeding ground of that criminal element that arises with every generation. We know that such an element can only be held at bay by a determined show of law and order, backed by adequate military strength to enforce respect for that law and order.

Therefore, this organization, of combat veterans, goes on record favoring a national program such as the Universal Military Training Act, now before the National House of Congress. And, further, we demand that immediate action be taken by the Congress to promulgate this Act and get it into operation at ONCE.

Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul's Speech

Before the New York Chapter of the YDVA New York City—21 February 1948

When the battle is over, or when wars end, it is natural for the the participants to reminisce. All of us feel proud of a job well done. I know that you share my own pride in looking back over the record of the Yankee Division and our connection with it.

There were some bad days in our progress from the Bezange la Grande-Moncourt sector to Czechoslovakia. As you know, the advance was often complicated by an inadequate road net, bad weather and by a terrain which limited the use of armor and other supporting forces. As you also know, this put an extra load on the Infantry. The Infantry at times had to smash through without normal support. Our objectives could only be taken by men who were well trained and who, in addition, possessed very great courage.

Because it was made up of this kind of men, the 26th Division drove forward so rapidly that ordinarily it was able to attack the enemy's rear areas and force the withdrawal or diversion of forces from adjacent zones. Operating usually on the extreme right flank of the 12th Army Group, its successes aided the whole operation and made it possible to drive the enemy from his strongholds in Lorraine, the Palatinate, the Bulge, Germany and Austria.

The Yankee Division need never apologize for its record in the desperate days of 1944 and 1945 and I shall always regard it as a great honor and privilege to have commanded the Division during this critical period. It was one of the great divisions of World War II and its glory will never fade.

But we cannot afford to look backward to the neglect of our future security. It is urgently necessary *now* to look forward, and I want to emphasize particularly the indispensable and growing need for training our ground forces in the techniques and necessities of modern warfare, some of them already far advanced over those of World War II.

In attempting to tell our story to the public, some of us are to some extent suspect because we wear a uniform. There are always those who are ready to charge us with trying to take over the country or to get more stars on our shoulders, or create more jobs for more generals. As the Director of Personnel and Administration for the Army, I am certainly in position to know whether this is true, and I can assure you that it is not; that in every case the job sought the man; that the officer was loathe to go into the job but did so from an inner sense of duty and patriotism, too often lacking these days.

The Army officers of today, like those who preceded us, are working and planning for the national security with the same earnestness and patriotic devotion as always. And they are more concerned at present over our declining military strength and the necessity for rebuilding it than over their personal problems.

"But why worry!" you say. "We have the atom bomb."

We *do* have the atom bomb and even *more* fortunately, we developed it first. But by present estimates this comforting feeling can hardly last beyond 1952. From that point on, unless the world can resolve its differences meanwhile, we may have to begin wondering what would happen to the millions on Manhattan Island and in Brooklyn, Yonkers, Staten Island and the cluster of cities in nearby New Jersey, if atom bombs should suddenly start dropping some day, without warning, from heights invisible to the naked eye.

If *we* can wage this kind of warfare now, as *we can*, others may do so later. So we come to the question: "What can we do about it?"

I do not know how many of you have read the report of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training or the more recent report on air power. There is food for thought in both, and it is significant that the recommendations of their sponsors represent the conclusions of eminent civilians. The formula for our national security, however, is thus far largely a paper formula—little more than a blueprint for rebuilding the house and repairing the roof before it collapses about our heads. Construction has hardly begun. It will take several years' time and billions of dollars even partially to carry out the recommendations of these two civilian committees. Yet we shall have no adequate security until we do something about these vital problems.

As a basic requirement for our national security, the Compton commission recommended a balanced program to include strong Regular and Reserve forces headed by a powerful striking force built around air power; a coordinated, world-wide intelligence

service, an adequate plan for industrial mobilization and stockpiling of strategic materials; a coordinated program of scientific research and development; and finally, and given equal weight with the other requirements a comprehensive program for Universal Training.

Looking forward to the possibility of a surprise attack with atom bombs at some time in the not distant future, the Commission reached the conclusion to meet such an attack "we must have trained men everywhere."

They were thinking of such things as civil defense and sabotage and fifth columns and possible airborne invasion, creating a nightmare of problems such as we have never hitherto had to contemplate.

General Eisenhower has been erroneously quoted as having said "The next war will be over in sixty days." Of course he never said this. He did tell the Compton commission, and has said substantially the same thing on other occasions, that the first sixty days might well prove the critical period of any new war, and that unless we are prepared for the first sudden shock and able at once to retaliate in force, the war *could* be lost in this period.

The reasoning behind this statement is very clear. A sudden, devastating attack from the air on our transportation and industrial centers, particularly if prolonged, could bring about a condition of economic paralysis and so hamper our preparation for war as to make it all but impossible for us to mobilize and equip the forces we should need to win it.

If directed at cities like New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, such an attack would also bring death to so many men of miltary age and so disrupt commerce and industry as to leave us helpless to resist an initial invasion by airborne troops. It is not difficult to imagine the panic that would ensue everywhere.

It is true enough that we should not be completely idle in this interval. We should be hitting back at the enemy with whatever we had to hit with—including Naval and Air Forces and of course the atom bomb. But if an enemy got in the first blow, and that blow were sufficiently severe, the great cities and industrial centers of America could be flattened as Hiroshima was flattened.

Even if we won a war of this kind it would be a Pyrrhic victory.

"Well," you may say, "the kind of national security you are talking about would cost a lot of money. Perhaps we are unnecessarily alarmed by what we read in the papers. Why not take a chance? We have never been defeated. We can win any war we get into."

Those who think in these terms delude only themselves. We simply can not escape the fact that there are two very simple choices: we must either be prepared for any eventuality or expose ourselves to the possibility of extinction as a nation. The proof is before our eyes, that *any* free nation which neglects its defenses can very easily be swept into the totalitarian maelstrom.

The so-called "cold war," which might be compared to the cellular growth of a disease threatening the entire physical world, could become a "hot war" at any time. The decision between a "cold war" and a "hot war" is not our decision. If there is to be a "hot war" at some future date, the time and place would be decided by a little group of scheming despots in some distant hideout.

There is, moreover, the additional danger that the seeds of war which have been planted will produce a crop before they are ready to harvest it. Ambition, avarice, competition, differences of language, ideology and economic status have kept Europe in a state of ferment for centuries. In our own country we have learned to live together, although drawing our population from the same sources. However, there has been little indication to date that human beings and those who speak for them in other nations are ready to abandon war as an arbitrament of human affairs. We sincerely and earnestly want peace but not to the extent that we abandon all that we have fought for and won in our national existence.

Wars are like a forest fire. Once started, it is difficult to prevent their spread, particularly when fanned by high winds. Big winds are blowing today, and little fires have already started.

The problem of the Army in this situation is a difficult one. We must furnish troops for the occupation of Japan and Germany, for example and for military missions elsewhere. We perform certain supply and administrative functions for the newly autonomous Air Force, carry on a continuous training program for the Army combat and Technical Services, and perform a great many civil functions such as those of the Engineer Corps. At the same time we must organize a combat striking force which should be ready at all times to meet a sudden emergency, and plan for the national defense as well.

In any conflict of the future the responsibility for meeting the first thrust of an enemy, as well as for carrying the fight to the enemy would rest on the Air Force and the Navy. But the Air Force can operate only so long as it can be supplied with bases, and so long as these bases can be protected. And that calls for Army troops. Ground can only be seized, occupied and held by ground forces. And ground forces will always be necessary also to maintain and supply them and to perform a multitude of other services in maintaining them in the field.

There is a further problem that gives us great concern—our vanishing reserves.

You men who have known combat realize better than others that an army is only as strong as its reserves. Some of our divisions in World War II suffered terrific attrition—in excess of 100 per cent. With ground forces, unless trained replacements can be brought into the line when needed, the advance stops, and the decimated divisions are confronted with the certainty of destruction as the only alternative to retirement. There is a moral issue as well as a military problem here that we cannot escape. When we send men into battle we shall be less than human if we fail to support them and see that they are relieved periodically for rest.

Yet the only trained reserves we have available today are the men who served in World War II. Aside from the unfairness of calling them again in a new emergency, they are passing out of the picture month by month. They are growing older, or getting married, or getting fat, or developing physical disabilities of other sorts.

If there is to be another war in our lifetime, which God forbid, we shall not have many of these battle-trained veterans in combat, nor should we. Nor shall we have two years to train new divisions for combat or the replacements which will have to be fed into them.

It is problematical whether we shall have *any* time for training or the opportunity to train men as thoroughly as our best

divisions were trained for World War II. The problem, then is to give our new reserves as much training as we can in advance, and this, if nothing else is considered, makes immediate adoption of a system of Universal Military Training indispensable to our national safety.

The general training requirement for all of the military services has increased tremendously. The expansion in number and types of weapons, their increasingly technical nature, and the greater rapidity of movement and the introduction of global warfare have changed the whole aspect of war. The changes occurring before our eyes are more revolutionary than the introduction of gunpowder.

All of our military services are of course more highly mechanized and require more technical training than the forces of any other nation.

The Army alone, aside from the Engineers and what we call the Technical Services, have scores of specialties in which men must be trained. Even the Infantryman is a specialist. He may have to use a rifle, carbine, grenade, bazooka, perhaps a recoilless cannon, machine gun, mortars, snowshoes or skis. He must also know how to repair this equipment.

American soldiers have to drive trucks, tanks, dukws, half-tracks, and other mechanized equipment under fire. They must use all types of artillery and rockets to say nothing of flame throwers and other specialized weapons. They must be familiar with radio, radar, infra-red light, signal systems as well as be able to perform innumerable hazardous missions in combat. And they must live in the open in weather like that which we have known this winter or in the humid heat of the jungles.

War is no longer a problem of hurling a spear against another man who has a spear, slashing with a sword at another man with a sword. There are no cavalry charges or bow-and-arrow troops in a modern army. Nor in our army do masses or waves of men move forward against the massed army of an enemy. The "massed army" concept is a fallacy. There are large armies in modern warfare, accounted for by the vast organization required for training, maintenance, transportation and supply of combat elements. But certainly there are no "massed armies" in the American scheme.

In asking authority for a Universal Training program, we are not proposing to train goose-steppers, but to give men as thorough training as possible in the basic essentials of military life, and then give them a start on branch, specialist, technical and unit training before we turn them back into their civilian routine.

That, in substance, is the UMT program.

It calls for six months of intensive training in camp, about half of which would be devoted to basic training and the other half to branch and specialist training. Thereafter the trainee would have a choice of any one of several alternatives under which his education or training would continue in college, or in the National Guard, or in the Organized or unorganized Reserves.

If as a further alternative the trainee wished to remain in the training corps for a further period of six months, he would be permitted to do so. Men possessing the necessary aptitudes might be sent to one of the service schools for training as technicians in some specialized field. Others would be used as instructors in the training camps.

The plan would apply to the Navy and Air Force as well as the Army.

The Towe Bill, H.R. 4278, stipulates that all training should be carried out "on the highest possible moral religious and spiritual plane." The trainees would be guarded in every way against unncessary exposure to evil influences. The trainees would be treated decently, and be under a special disciplinary system in which they themselves had a voice, through the introduction of trainee courts.

Our experience with this formula at the UMT Experimental Unit at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has proved its value to the extent that it is being introduced in replacement training centers and applied to the training of the Army as a whole.

Some educators feared at first that the UMT program would interfere unduly with education, and also throw all trainees into ROTC colleges or technical schools. As now planned, they could attend any college of their choice. The loss of time would not be more than two or three months, and would hardly be felt in the case of men going on to college. Those not planning to attend college would not be inconvenienced at all, since training would not begin until they had finished school.

We have tried to develop a plan which would feed trained men into the National Guard and Organized Reserve at a sufficiently rapid rate to bring these components up to authorized strength and keep them there. UMT trainees would be given 1,000 hours of training in their six months in camp. It takes five years now to give them the equivalent of this training in the National Guard. The UMT graduates would build on this foundation, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of all of the civilian components.

In setting up a UMT system for the Army we should have to draw on the National Guard and Organized Reserve for a good many trainees and administrative officers. We should also hope to get a substantial number of instructors from among the trainees themselves.

As by-products of such a system, aside from its basic military value, and value to the trainees themselves, we believe that it would stimulate interest and enlistment in the Regular establishment. The Army at present is over 120,000 below its requirement. Instead of 670,000 men, excluding the Air Forces, we have approximately 550,000. We could quickly bring it up to strength by lowering our recruiting standards. We hope to avoid this. We do not want the *largest* army, but the *best* army in the world and we want to be certain that the taxpayer gets value received for his security dollar. I believe that the army of today, containing as it does many men who saw combat in World War II, represents a higher level of general intelligence and all-round ability than any peacetime military establishment in the history of this or any other country. We want to keep it that way. But if we are to do so we must keep our standards high.

Some people seem to think that we can trust our security to the United Nations. The armed services support the United Nations wholeheartedly and hope that it will become eventually an instrumentality for preventing war and enforcing peace. But unfortunately it has not reached that stage and we must be realistic.

It is sometimes argued by critics that for the United States to adopt UMT at this time would only encourage other nations to do likewise. These critics do not know, or deliberately disregard, the fact that 39 of the 44 other members of the United Nations already have compulsory military service of some kind. The five exceptions are India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand

and the Dominican Republic. With the withdrawal of the British, India promptly plunged into a civil war of its own. Canada, Australia and New Zealand are protected as much by the United States as by Great Britain. The Dominican Republic, tucked under our own wing, is protected not only by the Monroe Doctrine but by a ring of defense bases extending from Bermuda to Trinidad. So there is nothing whatever to that argument.

There is considerable evidence that much of the opposition to UMT in the United States is inspired and financed by a small minority of pacifists, socialists, conscientious objectors and communists whose clamor bears no relation to their numbers. It is this little group which supplies most of the arguments employed by opponents of UMT, and some of the money to carry on their propaganda. Neither the press nor the people of the country have been deceived by their tactics or their vocalization. The public opinion polls have shown consistently that Americans favor UMT. Also they have shown further than even a higher percentage of servicemen, as well as the young men who are in the UMT age group, favor such training. It is time for the majority to assert themselves.

It sometimes seems to me that nothing else matters greatly until we have met and solved, courageously and intelligently, the basic questions which confront all of us. Foremost is the problem of our national security. We can always have peace at the price of servility and abandonment of our way of life.

Our predecessors came to this country to find freedom from the tyrannies and oppressions of the Old World. Starting from scratch, they won their independence and laid the foundations for a civilization that is the envy of the entire world. It has brought us greater spiritual and material wealth than any people have ever known under any form of government, in any age.

This is our heritage. We have an obligation and responsibility to guard it.

We are not living in a dream world, but a world of realities. One of these realities is that, whether we like it or not, men still go to war to settle their differences. Scattered wars today involve perhaps two-thirds of the world's population and show no sign of subsiding. We are therefore forced to choose between reasonable provision for our safety as a people, including the training of our physically fit youth for the functions of civilian defense as well as military service in other forms, or possible defeat by some predatory power in an atomic war of the future.

To neglect our security is to invite the fate of the satellite states of Europe. It would be an invitation to destruction, concentration camps, gas chambers, forced labor, torture and revolution.

There is more than our material wealth at stake. Human freedom, as applied to the people of a great nation, has reached its highest point in the development of our own democratic system. Unless we are to put a dollar value on such things as freedom, national existence and human life, we must do those things which are necessary to our national salvation.

We cannot afford to fail.

CONVENTION HI-LIGHTS

Your convention committee is working hard now, holding meetings every other week to get all the details ironed out and plans completed so that you who attend the convention will be able to enjoy every minute of your stay.

Just let me harp for a minute on registration. I know you will say "Why all the bull about registration before we know what we can expect?" Well, many of you attended the '38 convention in Providence and had a swell time. This year will be no exception, I assure you. However, housing conditions, hotel rooms, prices, in fact most everything is more costly, and in many instances, very limited. Hotel rooms are one of these limitations. We aren't kidding either fella's. We have one-third less rooms available and from the way the registrations are beginning to come in, they will be gone before you know it. 'Nough said—Get those registrations in NOW and assure yourself of a spot close to the convention activities. If you want room reservations don't forget to make it known on the back of the registration blank. Let's go — REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE A BUCK.

Thursday evening, June 24th, we have tentatively planned on a Horribles parade. This should prove a grand slam to start the activities going. There will be a total of $500.00 set aside for prizes. Amounts will be announced as soon as entry blanks are ready. Start getting your plans made to enter. Contact Edwin N. (Chick) Story or the Secretary for further details if you are interested.

Our entertainment program is rapidly taking shape. We have several plans in the works which, if they materialize, and we feel sure that they will, will keep you busy. We are definitely able to announce that again the Narragansett Brewing Co., Cranston, R. I., will be hosts to all *registered* members and guests who care to visit their plant. Friday afternoon, June 25th, from 1 to 5, special buses will run from in front of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel direct to the brewery. A coupon ticket in the book of coupons will entitle you to entrance to the show. There will also be two coupon tickets to present to the bus driver to cover the transportation to and from the brewery. As in 1938, the Narragansett Brewing Co., will have the big tent erected on their grounds where music and eats will be served. Also there will be conducted trips through the brewery which I know will be most interesting and educational as it will give you a view of how this great organization bottles, cans and kegs it's product using the most up-to-date, sanitary equipment available. All of you who took advantage of the hospitality of this fine organization in 1938 will remember the swell time they put on for us. It was one of the hi-lights of

the convention. So don't miss this treat. Take a trip out and sample that delicious, appetizing, Famous Narragansett Ale or Lager Beer. It is excelled by none.

Friday evening will be the Military Ball. This time the ball will be held in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. We will have a popular orchestra on hand to play the old and new tunes to keep your feet tingeling. We also may have a nice surprise to spring at the ball, too. More about that later.

Saturday will be the big parade. Bring your musical outfits along. There will be no band or drum corps competition but we will have official judges on hand to judge the bands and drum corps in the line of march during the parade. Better than $1,500.00 has been set up for prizes. Entrance blanks will soon be in the mails to the bands and drum corps we have the addresses of. If you know of any that would like to compete in the parade, send the name and address to the Secretary and an entrance blank and details will be mailed out to them.

Saturday night is the night for reunions. Units, companies, regiments and what have you, that are planning on holding a reunion should contact John J. Kelly, Chairman of the Reunion committee, as soon as possible. He will be glad to assist you in planning and obtaining a suitable place, menus, prices, etc.

We are planning on a very impressive Memorial Service for Sunday. If the weather is pleasant, it will be held out of doors. Most likely at LaSalle Field. An altar with plenty of seats around for those who attend. Special music, too. This should be a very special affair. It is hoped that all will attend these services in memory of our departed comrades. More details later.

There are a few Chapter rooms available, without beds, for any Chapter desiring to have a headquarters room and place in which to meet. Contact the Housing Chairman, Joseph J. Laffey, for details.

Will the Secretary of the New England dinner committee which held the successful dinner at the Springfield Convention last year, please contact Guy M. Kittredge, 99 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I., at once.

So comrades, there is a few worthwhile things you can expect to take part in at the convention. Once again, if you haven't registered, please get busy NOW. Send it in as early as possible. Time is getting shorter and shorter. So hurry—hurry—hurry. Anything might and can happen in Providence, so you better make plans to attend.

Here's hoping that we have a good registration because the boys who have been working night and day, giving unstintingly of their time and money to make this the biggest and best convention the YDVA has ever had, deserve your cooperation and support by coming to this affair and enjoying it to the fullest extent. If you do that we will be more than satisfied. Be seeing you.

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE A BUCK.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Executive Secretary.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The cover picture is reproduced from an army recruiting poster, one of a dozen displayed on the walls at the installation dinner of the New York Chapter on February 21st. The lettering and sentiment are ours and we quote the following authorities for our views that U.M.T. is a move toward peace and not toward war:

(1) President Truman's Committee on Universal Training, whose chairman is Dr. Compton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and who says, "I think the arguments for Universal Military Training are stronger today than when we made our report last May. Certainly the international situation has not cleared."

(2) General of the Army Eisenhower, retired, who says the national defense measures are inadequate in the present situation when there is no real assurance of peace.

(3) Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, who warns that failure to pass the Universal Training bill invites enslavement of the nation.

(4) George Fielding Eliot, famous newspaper columnist on military affairs, who sums up the situation as follows: "The respect we are accorded will depend upon our military strength and that strength must be based on citizen-soldiers."

Note that all these gentlemen are talking peace and not war—and are talking the only kind of peace that is safe against war in the present situation.

Congratulations

A notice printed in the *Boston Port Reporter* a four page leaflet put out by the Port of Boston Authority states that: P. E. Eden, formerly of Bty. B, 101st F.A. W W I has been made General Agent of the American President Lines with headquarters on State Street, Boston, Mass.

Also noted among the members of the Board of the Port of Boston Authority, Southworth Lancaster as Traffic Manager. He was with Bty. A, 101st F.A., W W I and is a member of the YD Club of Boston.

OHIO CHAPTER'S TRANSPORTATION

This, oddly enough, is a thumb-nail biography of a paddy wagon. It is probably the first one to have a literary finger raised in its memory. It is also probable that it will be the last one. However, since its career did not follow the ordinary pattern it is only fitting that it be accorded the few paragraphs necessary to qualify it for immortality.

There was no indication of a great event taking place when Paddy came into existence. It first saw the light of day on a Ford assembly line, in 1929. When all of its various adjuncts were assembled and tightened, it rolled out of its cradle and into the turbulent stream of motorized life.

The first chapter of this gas-breathing monster's odyssey was written when it joined the Cleveland Police Force. During these halcyon days it snorted a challenge as it sliced its way through traffic on Cleveland's busy thoroughfares, bent on restoring peace and order. It screamed to the top of its sirenic voice while performing its public duties. For eight years of day and night service Paddy plied back and forth from headquarters to precinct station, from brawls to jails. It was a lusty, screaming demon of retribution.

But time and over-work took its toll. In 1938, most of its usefulness expended, its youthful vigor gone and wheezing asthmatically, it was retired from active duty. Ahead lay only the prospects of the salvage yard, and the salvage man's finger was beckoning ominously.

But fate, in the form of Fred Flahavan, a Past Commander of the Ohio Chapter of the Yankee Division Veteran's Association, intervened. Through an agreement arranged by officials of the City of Cleveland and the Ohio Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, ownership of Paddy passed into the hands of the organization, saving it from the ignominous fate that awaits all old gas-breathers.

The strange affinity between Paddy and its new owners made an understanding possible. They, too, were part of an era that had passed, their hours of service now but memories in the annals of our national history. They too, had run their best course and transferred their responsibilities to younger hands. In view of these circumstances, Paddy was made a full-fledged member of this veterans organization.

Paddy's new owners gave it the affectionate care one gives an old hound whose field days are over. A glistening coat of red paint restored a sleekness to its body. Gold-lettered names of memorable battle engagements of World War One emblazon the panels, adding a bit of swagger and cockiness to Paddy's deflated ego. Under the ministering touches of its brother-in-arms, Paddy's personality was reshaped and, like Phoenix, arose from the ruins to a newer glory.

With all the bold splendor that characterized the military deeds of its new associates, it rolls proudly and defiantly down the thoroughfares on parade days, as filled with promise as with memories. National conventions have become the favorite sport of this gas-breathing mascot, where it often forms the vanguard for these dress-formations.

But all of the prideful care lavished on Paddy by members of the Ohio Chapter could not keep it in the prim, dignified character in keeping with its age. Time, service and the outbreak of World War II served as the arch conspirators that deprived it of its most treasured possessions—tires. The tread-bare, boot-filled tires and glistening coat of paint made it seem as incongruous as a man at a ball in white tie and tails and shod in hobo's shoes. Eventually, through ingenuity and trades, four tires were obtained. But none were the same size. Paddy, though well-shod, now had the uncertain, rolling gait of a sailor returning from an extended shore-leave.

As if to add insult to this indignity, a pair of predatory hands removed the public address system that had been installed in Paddy's panel-body. This was done while Paddy was in his garage. It was like having someone steal your voice while you were sleeping. This outrage made Paddy feel like going on one of his old missions of retribution again. He'd know what to do

with the culprit at headquarters. The need for this was speedily obviated, however, for a newer and better "voice" was quickly purchased and installed.

All is serene for the time being. Like an old fire horse that has run his course and been turned loose in pasture, so Paddy enjoys the automobile's equivalent of "pension pasturing." Content to browse in the memories of other days, when its siren wailed a warning at scenes of tragedy or violence, Paddy rests with all the quiet dignity of old age in a garage near the Ohio Chapter's headquarters. Periodically its slumbers are broken. Then, with its face washed, it again goes out to take another peek at a changing world.

It is hoped that Paddy will soon have another face lifting, for the boys from World War II would like to add the records of their triumphs with the Yankee Division on the sides of this faithful and well known mascot.

National Commander's Report

Just back from New York Chapter Installation and dinner and must say that the New York Chapter know how to put on a swell evening of entertainment. The National Executive meeting was held in the afternoon at 4 p. m. in the Lincoln Room of the Capitol Hotel. A full report of that meeting will be made by the National Secretary. A cocktail party was held in the same room prior to the annual dinner and a goodbye crowd of YD men and their ladies were present.

In the evening at 8 p. m. the dinner was put on in the Walnut Room and it was very well sewed and all were happy. The installation did not take long and the entertainment provided by that man of distinction, Bob Dickson, was of the best.

The speech on Universal Military Training by General Paul was very enlightening and all that heard him now know what U.M.T. really means. I have requested the General send transcription for publication in the Yankee Doings. Left early Sunday morning with Earl Holbrook, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms in a blinding snowstorm and arrived safely home in the early evening.

NATIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Occasional jobs have come to this department during the past month and, with commendably prompt action from the Veterans' Administration, have been carried through. Let us know of *your* problems and give us a try.

Not having enough to do, this office has turned its attention to boosting Universal Military Training as the best service that can be accorded the veterans—all of 'em—convinced, as we are, that it is the best assurance for continued living under a democracy.

JOSEPH K. SURLS,
National Service Officer.

The Murphy Tradition

From P.I.O., 26th Inf. Div., M.N.G.

A family tradition that had its beginnings back in the days of the Spanish American War, is carried on with the appointment of a Murphy to command the famous 101st Infantry Regiment of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Colonel Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., of Natick, war-time executive officer of the regiment overseas in Europe, and more recently chief of staff of the 26th Infantry Division of the MNG, took over a post held by his brother in the 1920's, and returns to the regiment in which his father served as supply officer during the Spanish American War, when the outfit was known as the Fighting Ninth.

Colonel Murphy's father, the late Daniel J., also of Natick, was regimental supply officer of the unit during the Spanish War and remained with the outfit until 1916.

Then an older brother, John D., also of Natick, commanded the regiment from 1924-27. Daniel J., Jr., the youngest member of the family, was the only one to see service in this past war. He served as executive officer of the regiment all the way through.

OUR HONORARY NATIONAL COMM. RECEIVES HIS THIRD STAR

Willard S. Paul, Honorary National Commander of the YD Veterans Association and war-time Commander of the 26th Infantry Division received his third star on January 23, 1948 and is now a Lieutenant General. Retiring Chief of Staff, Eisenhower pinned the third star on General Paul while newly appointed Chief of Staff Bradley applauded. Good luck and best wishes to our Honorary Commander.

T/3 Charleston G. Cassidy, on duty at 2nd Army Hq. for the past 14 months, has just been made a high school graduate by the State of Arkansas Dept. of Education.

The long distance graduation was made possible through off-duty study courses, by which he earned a certificate of high school equivalent of a high school diploma.

Cassidy served fourteen months overseas with the 26th Division.

Attention WWII Members

Information is being sought by the mother of former T/Sgt., Co. B, 101st Infantry, who was killed in Luxembourg on January 27, 1945.

Mrs. Leona Brooks, Frank's mother, is anxious to get the particulars of when and how Frank died. Her address is Mrs. Leona Brooks, 1115 Cedar Ave., Long Beach 13, California.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Fred A. Jones, 4 Tatnuck Terrace, Worcester, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: George Semoneau, 983 Hayward St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: L. C. Horton, 25 Monmoth Rd., Manchester, N. H.

STATE MEETING

All members of YD in New Hampshire please read this and remember the date:

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1948 at 1:00 P. M.

there is to be a State Department Meeting to be held in the Manchesetr Chapter room at the Post 79 Home 1552 Elm St., Manchester, N. H., for the purpose of nominating and electing officers for the coming year and to conduct any other N. H. State Department business.

Lunch and refreshments will be served by the Manchester Chapter.

There has been considerable comment about the lack of interest or activity by the State Department the past few years. There can be no action, interest or activity unless all of the individual members of all Chapters in the State show some interest by attending Department Meetings and making their wishes known. At the last election of Officers there was barely enough attendance to fill the slate of Officers. This is not the way to have an active Department or even to keep YD interest going in the State. Let's all, everybody plan to attend this meeting and have some real competition in this coming election, some real old time YD spirit with oratory and all the trimmings. Come on Gang, let's go and see to it that Manchester Chapter don't have all the say. There are plenty of you YD'ers around the State to put on a real show if you forget that getting old stuff.

— Les Horton.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Karl Byam
481 Merrimack St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: L. C. Horton
25 Mammoth Road, Manchester, N. H.

At our regular meeting Wednesday evening, Feb. 11th, there were twenty some odd members present and we had a real old time YD meeting with lots of

interest, which speaks well for the future of YD here in Manchester. Our Sr. Vice Commander Archie Vigneault reported 108 paid up members. The Chairman of the Committee for the Annual April Party and Reunion reports good progress on all details and it looks like the best one to date. By the way, the date is settled tentatively for Saturday, April 10th. It is felt that a Saturday night date will be the best for everybody as some members have to work nights during the week. John Dunlap, Chairman of the Nominating Committee brought in the following slate of officers for next year: Commander, Martin V. B. Colby; Sr. Vice Commander, Archie Vigenault, Jr.; Vice Commander, James L. Blair; Secretary, Walter Moulton; Treasurer, John Blidberg; Chaplain, Shirley Luscombe; Sgt-at-Arms, George Simoneau; Historian, Henry Paris, and Trustees Karl Byam, Burton Knight and John Blidberg.

The Manchester Chapter is entertaining the State Department on Sunday, April 4th, and is looking forward to a good turnout from all Chapters throughout the State. —Les Horton.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Vermont Chapter"
Commander: Arthur Farrar
P. O. Box No. 1, Barre, Vt.
Secretary: K. F. McIntosh
14 Vine St., Montpelier, Vt.

The Yankee Division in this area held their first meeting since the war last evening at the Little Valley Farm. A delicious dinner was served at 6:00 P. M., to the members and their ladies, with Enoch Lyman catering.

PC James Mayette installed the new officers, who are: Commander, Arthur Farrar of Barre; 1st VC, Norman Pine of Montpelier, 2nd VC, Charles Cadette of Barre; Treasurer, Sydney Newcombe of Barre; Secretary, Kenneth McIntosh of Montpelier; Chaplain, Frank Hatch of Barre, Trustees, Ernest Lafayette of Barre; Alexander Hall; Judge Advocate, Robert Ryan and Sgt-at-Arms, Enoch Lyman.

This get-to-gether was on the 30th anniversary of the 26th Division entering the front-lines in 1918.

Norman K. Pine of WWII and Robert H. Ryan (formerly J.A., of the YD) were welcomed into the Chapter.

Every YD man of either of the World Wars is welcome to join with us and put the Green Mountain State back in the folds of our Association of former members of the Yankee Division.

—Kenneth F. McIntosh.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Ernest A. Meteyer, 36 Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened by Sr. Vice Commander Meffen at 3.35 P. M., February 2, 1948 at the American Legion Home in Beverly, Mass. PDC Watton acted as Sgt-at-Arms, Alfred Leroy as Secretary. MacLean reported progress on the Yankee Division Highway.

The Department Commander, together with his Sgt.-at-Arms and Secretary arrived at 3:45 having been delayed by bad road conditions. They took over their respective offices from then on.

Roll call showed nine Chapters, all but two officers present. Chapters going along, especially Lynn and Salem. Lowell reported stagnation. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report, $99.85.

Nomination of officers: Commander, Meffen of Springfield, Sr. VC, Maxwell of Reading, JVC, Coan of Salem, Treasurer, Elliott of Worcester, Chaplain, Denault of Beverly, Historian, Lemire of Lowell; Service Officer, MacLean of Beverly; Judge Advocate, Hart, of Lawrence, and Meteyer of Haverhill.

Voted to buy $5.00 of YD Stamps. Voted to hold drawing for funds at June meeting. Commander to

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appoint committee and be chairman. Not over 500 books. Berets $1.20. Adjourned 5.15. Doughnuts and coffee.

—Clyde H. Norton.

BEVERLY

Commander: Roland Standley
457 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Daniel Haskell
406 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1st. The regular monthly meeting of Beverly Chapter was held ahead of schedule owing to the fact that we were to be the hosts for the Dept. meeting today, so voted to kill two birds with one stone and hold our meeting previous to theirs.

The meeting was called to order at 2.25 P. M. by Commander Roland T. Standley with the regular ritualistic procedure. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as were the reports of the Treasurer and Membership chairman, who reported 53—1947 and 1—1948 members paid to date. Under sick-call it was reported that our member, Louis T. Diebner was at home after being treated surgically at the Beverly Hospital and was improving satisfactorily. PC Norman A. MacLean reported that his efforts in having the proper markers placed on the "Yankee Division" Highway was progressing, and it should be brought to the public's attention to properly designate the artery as such. Several motions were properly made, seconded and voted; among them being an appropriation of $5.00 to the "Infantile Paralysis" drive for funds; and another to endorse the "United Church" canvass being carried on in Beverly; and still another that the Chapter nominate and elect officers for the term of 1948-49 at the March meeting. We adjourned in form at 2:55 P. M.

The department meeting for the nomination of officers for the term of 1948-49 followed after a short recess. I will not attempt to chronicle these events as Dep't. Sec. Clyde Norton will in his official capacity do the honors; but will say that Beverly Chapter was honored by having PC Norman renominated for the office of State Service Officer and Walter Denault nominated for the office of State Chaplain. Members may now remit their dues for the coming year to the Secretary as we have the new membership cards in our possession.

—Daniel L. Haskell.

BOSTON

Commander: Walter E. Burke
26 Standard St., Mattapan, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The monthly Smoker of February was well attended and the "Fifteen Daffodils" proved to be very good entertainers.

Our bill to revive the license for a bar, lost in 1946 has passed the General Court and has been signed by the Governor. Now we will only have to wait the customary 90 days and then we will be able to put in our application to the City of Boston Board.

The Nominating Committee met recently and brought in the following slate: Commander, Anthony J. Rock; 1st VC, Ralph A. Palladino, 2nd VC, Richard F. Sullivan, 3rd VC, Samuel J. Hingston; Treasurer, Albert M. Pacifici, Secretary, H. Guy Watts; Directors, George A. McDonald, Thomas I. Coughlin, Frank A. Spooner, Louis Laliberte, William F. Connors, Lewis W. Whittemore.

LADIES AUXILIARY

At the January Meeting the YD Auxiliary elected the following members to serve for the year 1948:

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The February meeting was opened with the new President, Mae Cadigan presiding. Many wonderful activities have been planned for the coming year.

Membership is open to any Mother, Wife or Sister of a YD Veteran who served in either World Wars. Our Membership Chairman, Miss Mary Mahoney will welcome your application.

The YD Auxiliary is planning to hold a banquet in the near future. More details of this affair will be printed in the Yankee Doings.

Miss Mary Fenno has been named Chairman of the Annual Penny Sale and is planning now to make this the biggest and best Penny Sale to be held.

—Helen E. Kellen

DANVERS

Commander: Esmond Farmer
15 Damon St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held no meeting during December 1947. Therefore, nothing in the way of news for "DOINGS".

The January meeting was held at Mrs. Pike's and twenty-six members were present despite the severe storm. We had the usual chicken dinner, tastely prepared and movies by Frank Cook.

Our special guests for the evening were: Commander Leonard Blute of the Legion, John Morrissey of the V.F.W. and John Collins a PC of the VFW.

One of the newer members of the Chapter, a WWII veteran, Jim McGinnity was so enthused with the way we hold our meetings that he is having the Danvers VFW hold one meeting a month the same way.

Doc Blanchard is going to try and secure some movies for our next meeting. George Ferguson is still confined to the house. He asks to have a few of you gents drop in on him. —Davis, Sec.

FITCHBURG

Commander: William R. Stapley
100 Warren St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: James Meffen Sr.
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fitchburg chapter was held at the clubrooms on River St. on Tuesday evening Feb. 10. Only about 25 members braved the elements to make this meeting, it was one of the coldest nights this city had seen for many a year. I say only 25 members because this is a relatively small number, we usually have a much larger turnout than this at every meeting.

Being the first business meeting of the new year, our newly elected officers had their first turn at conducting the meeting. Our new commander, Russ Aldrich, did a fine job his first time in the chair. This chapter is out for a big year, we are really going after the new members in a big way. We are already proud of our chapter membership, but we know we can enlarge it if we all pitch in.

The March meeting of the Dept. of State, at which the election of officers will take place, will be held here in Fitchburg on March 7, at 3 P. M. We of the Fitchburg chapter hope that all of the Mass. chapters will be able to send a delegation to this meeting. Let me tell you fellows, if you want to have a good time and meet a swell bunch of boys, why just come on up here to the State Meeting on March 7.

That's about all the news for now gang. The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held Tuesday evening, March 9, at the clubrooms, 78 River St., Fitchburg.

—Jimmy Smith.

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Commander: Harry P. Pluff
94 Emerson St., Haverhill, Mass.
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27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

On January 31st the Chapter officers were installed as were those of the auxiliary by Dept. Comm. Meteyer with W. Perry Tarleton, PC, acting as Sgt-at-Arms. No change in the Chapter officers and very little in the Auxiliary. The installation was less elaborate than in former years as the dinner which usually proceeded was omitted. I heard many favorable remarks, some liked the informal sociability which went with it. One of the cardinal principles of the YD is "Good Fellowship." The Commander, Julia M. Jurgel of the newly formed Merrimack Valley Women's Post 413 A.L. made a similar remark.

The Chapter suffered a great loss in the death of PC Francis Lynch, formerly F Co. 104th Inf. WWI.

—C. H. Norton.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Installation of officers was held on Saturday, January 31 in the Dugout with the Chapter. President Carrie Rowell will again head the auxiliary for 1948 with the following officers: Sr. Vice Pres., Florence L. Tarleton; Jr. Vice Pres. Vesta Brown; Chaplain Ann Pluff; Treasurer Susan Thornton; Secretary Ruth Meteyer; Sgt-at-arms Lillian Seymour; Trustees, Mattie Greeenleaf, Katherine Demarais, Delia Bush, Lillian Brindamour, and N. Olive Gordon.

At the last meeting held on Wednesday, January 28, 1948 the auditing committee read the following report for the year just past; Receipts during the year $1720.75, Disbursements $1393.02. Balance January 1, 1948, $327.73. About $700 of the disbursements were for hospital work.

Plans are now under way for a Roll Call Supper on March 24 with Jr. Vice President Vesta Brown as chairman. Sr. Vice President Florence Tarleton will head the committee for the annual Penny Sale for Hospital Work.

Orchids to President Rowell for the fine work she accomplished in 1947 and the best of luck for 1948.

—Ruth Meteyer.

LYNN

Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye
83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our monthly smokers are still tops with a pretty good attendance. Events planned are for a St. Patrick's Party in March and SVC Leonard Burnham is chairman, assisted by Walter Smith, Leon Varnum, Eustis Grimes, Charles Benway, Charles Scanlon, Edwin Streeter, George Walton, Percy Paige, Perley Knight, Edmond Trudell and A. Raymond Doucette. The Chapter recently donated to the Infantile Fund and purchased a brick, $10.00 for Lynn Boys Club Drive. Two new members recently signed up were Francis LaBrie and Joseph Bresnahan both serving in 102 FA, WWII.

Another event will be a Ham Penny Sale with Ed Trudell as chairman, assisted by William Eddows, Ed Streeter, Hal Guppy, Eustis Grimes and George Holt; sale will be held week before Holy Week.

Plans are now under way for our annual membership drive and watch out for Lynn this year.

—The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Dester Dubois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

At the February meeting, it was reported that 'Joe' Blanchette was home and fully recovered from his recent illness. Comrade Francis Parker is confined at home and Harold Kenyon has just returned from the Newport Naval Hospital.

PC Marcoux reported that the Drum Corps enjoyed a pleasant Xmas party and they are now practising in order to be in good shape for the Memorial Day exercises and also the National Convention. Col-

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Member Y.D.V.A.

onel Johnston of Manchester, N. H. was introduced and gave a short talk on YD.

The following nominations for the coming year were made: Commander, Ernest G. Parker, SVR Jesse A. Briggs, JVC, Harry S. Douglas, Jr., Treasurer, Walter W. Johnson, Secretary Dester D. DuBois, Sgt-at-Arms Alphonse Fortin, Board of Trustees; Dr. Alfred Crowe, Everett Manchester and Dr. Frederick Winship.

Sgt. Whillow of the National Guard presented moving pictures of the African campaign, which was an hour and a half of real action.

—Dester D. DuBois, Comm.

NORTHAMPTON

Commander: Edward J. Wright
46 Ridgewood Terrace, Northampton, Mass.
Secretary: Douglas Alexander
75 Fairfield Ave., Easthampton, Mass.

The faint rumblings, that we hope will swell into a blasting, continuous tempest, from our new Chapter in the western part of the Commonwealth, is herein included in our first report to Yankee Doings. Believe-it-or-not the Northampton Chapter is being reactivated by a group of real hustling YD men.

Past Commander, John Bombard, WWII, present commander Edward J. Wright, WWI with PC of the U. S., and P. C. of the New York Chapter, Ralph A. Turgeon, are driving hard and sure to make Northhampton a healthy Chapter once again.

At the meeting of the 19th of February, we are in hopes of reporting favorable progress as to the installation program of our officers for 1948-1949.

The installation will take place on Saturday night, April 3rd, in the Yankee Room of the Hotel Northampton in conjunction with a dinner and for good measure an hour or two of entertainment.

Our Officer of the Day, Ralph A. Turgeon, and his staff have acquired a promise from NC Fred Jones, Sec. H. G. Watts and a few others to attend.

Now, to all of you men of the old and new YD, residing in Northampton, or very near our beautiful city, when you get your registration cards please mail them back 'Toot Sweet' as there is room for just one hundred and forty (140) in the banquet room. The committee must know as soon as possible how many are going to be present. By the way, bring your Lady along, as it is not a stag affair. Also, it is informal. I would suggest that you all wear your YD Berets. If you haven't got one we will have them for sale at the door.

It is expected that each one of you will find one other YD man and bring him along to sign up in the Chapter.

Zero Hour: 7:00 o'clock P. M., April 3rd.

—Bill B. Greenough.

SALEM CHAPTER

Commander: Edward Rennicks
11 Bridge St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

Salem as been buried in the snow for so long that your scribe Donald Duck came out Feb. 1 and saw his shadow, and decided to perk up; not only that, he has become a grandfather. Yep, Feb. 11th the father, Wally Coan, WW2, YD grandfather WWI, YD mother Jacqueline Thibault, past president of Salem YD Auxiliary. They should have called the new son YD Coan, but no, they say Ronald. So it's O.K. by me.

So now to business. Meetings every two weeks. Meetings well attended. Spring socials started. Felix

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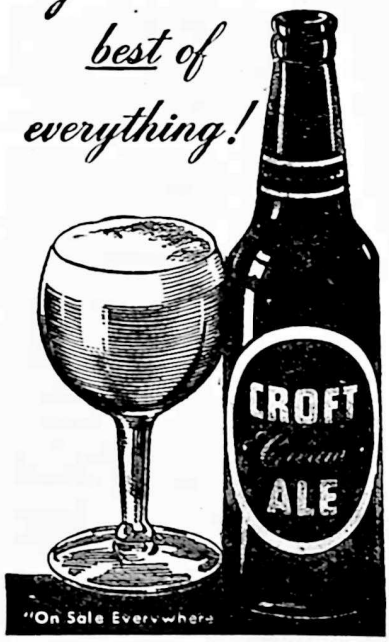

ON SALE EVERYWHERE IN NEW ENGLAND

Sobysinshi chairman. Sat., Feb. 7 the Polish night. Small attendance but success. Sat., Feb. 21, French night. Washington Day party and dance. Should be good.

Sunday, Feb. 22, Nomination of Officers. I heard Ed Rennicks would accept for another term. Not a bad idea.

Al Lareau, we hear, is out of the hospital, but he has not been at the meetings. Hope you're O. K. Also we hear that Louis Beauleiu the grocer, is on the sick list. Bad ticker we hear. Any of you guys from Bat. F, 101 F.A. who want to drop him a line, the address is 198 Jefferson Ave., Salem. Also we are told that Fred Jefferson, who dispenses of gas and auto repair has been laid up with the grippe. Hope you are on the mend Jeff.

"Butts" Joe St. Charles has returned from the Veteran Hospital in West Roxbury. On the mend, but could be better.

And to top it all, our old reliable Clyde O. Elliott of Worcester is at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for a check up. Clyde, we are rooting for you.

Also Arthur "Gete" Shay of Fitchburg was at the utland Hospital but he wrote me he had gained 16 s. Atta boy Gete. Keep it up so that we may see ɔu at the Fitchburg State Meeting in March.

Seems to me that somebody reported a comrade Buckley from D Batt. 101 F.A. was also in the hospital. So many of the boys have been sick this winter, I should keep notes at the meetings to make a proper report.

Well, I guess this is all for this month.

—Grand Pop Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: David D. Hogan
170 Plumtree Road, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas E. Moriarty
69 Malden Street, Springfield, Mass.

The first meeting in February we held an open meeting and had some still pictures of the convention of last summer. Mickey Farber put on a swell one-hour show. The pictures were all in color and swell ones too. Mickey also showed pictures of the division, mostly the 104th, during their training days after going into Federal service. Many laughs were had over the differences of appearances of some of the fellows between now and then. Bob Nash's picture was greeted with a round of applause?

Chairman Roswell Patch did a grand job on the refreshments, assisted by Harry Valentine, Mrs. Valentine (President of the chapter Auxiliary), and Mrs. Patch. There was more than enough to go around. Harry and Ros. really worked hard to put the feed over. I ate so much cake that Harry dubbed me the "cake-eater." It was swell cake, though. Wish I had some to eat as I write this.

Election of officers takes place on the 19th. Sure hope you fellows come down and elect the men *you* want to hold office. Then after election of officers the big event of the year takes place at the Hotel Kimball. Namely the installation. This is going to be a grand one. All state and national officers are going to be here. And the following day, Sunday, April 4th, the installation of state officers will take place at the clubhouse on Round Hill.

Bill McDonough, WWII, was being ribbed the beginning of Feb. at the clubhouse. Cries of, "Teacher, I wanna . . . . " etc. were heard whenever he was around. Bill went back to school the 4th of February to American International College here in Springfield. He starts in where he left off back in '41, a junior. Good luck, Bill.

What do you say fellows, let's start paying those '48 dues now. Pay 'em now so you won't keep putting it off and maybe never get them paid.

Springfield Chapter Installation

Plans for the annual joint installation of officers of the Springfield Chapter, and their Auxiliary, are now complete. Committees from both organizations, working as a unit under the Chairmanship of Comrade Tom Crokan, have overlooked nothing to make it a memorable affair.

Dinner at the Hotel Kimball Ballroom, served promptly at 6:00 P. M. then the drawings for the installation prizes, followed by the installation, and to wind up the evening, dancing until closing time.

To those members planning on attending the State Meeting the following day, why not get a note in to Comrade Crokan for reservations, and make the weekend one to be remembered.

—Thomas E. Moriarty.

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Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
839 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

Tempus Fugits; Another month gone and nothing done yet. I will have to do some "fugiting" if I am to have this report in by the 20th. As I stated in my last letter, nominations of candidates for Chapter officers were in order for the February meeting. That is water over the dam now. A contest is on for office of Chapter commander. Norman Tisdell vs. Henry Contois, with unconfirmed reports that another comrade is to enter the fray by running on stickers. Office of S.V.C., David Hayes; J.V.C., Maurice King; Treasurer, James W. Kierstead; Chaplain, Clifford Mellen. Disregarding the contest for commander, we are sure of having two WWII men for S.V.C., and J.V.C. with several WWII men nominated for the executive committee.

Lest we forget: A big vote of thanks goes to those loyal comrades from Lynn, who ventured forth in the storm of Friday the 13th to travel to Worcester, and explain to us the workings of the game "Blitz." Our hats are off to you Eddie Trudell, your delegation and their wives who accompanied them. It was a fine example of YD loyalty and comradeship.

To whom it may concern: Let it be known that I am no longer an orphan in the Chapter. There are three of us from the 103rd Infantry now on the chapter roster. Amedie Fournier, B Co.; Joe Moussette, D Co. and myself. Get this. Remember, I said 103rd Infantry.

In the last issue of "DOINGS" I mentioned the fact that Clyde Elliot was on the "sick list." His address is now Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Ward D. Get busy NOW, and drop him a card. Show him that you are not just fair weather friends. For his untiring efforts in behalf of YD he deserves to be remembered. Peter Morris is at Cushing with a bad leg ailment and would like to hear from some of the fellows, ditto, George Snow, also at Cushing. Any comrade going to the hospital, should notify his chapter. The chaplain has no way of knowing that you are there except by the "grape-vine," and sometimes you are back home when he hears about it. If you are not willing to do this, don't blame the Chapter, or the Chaplain.

Things are moving along smoothly at the Club, now that the work has been completed, except for a few minor changes. With good weather, and better travelling coming up, we look for attendance to improve at the meetings

Again I say, let us hear more and see more of our WWII members at meetings. If you expect recognition you must be interested in the affairs of the organization. We can't all be officers of the Chapter, but we can have a say as to who the officers will be. An officer can only be a success when the membership lends full support to his efforts to make the organization click. You can't improve a chapter by paying your dues and not attending meetings; and you can't improve a chapter by not paying your dues, and then stand on the side-lines hurling criticisms at the chapter, and its officers. Too often members let personal feelings rule their decision to maintain their membership. Just because you do not agree with someone, or something, you can't change them by saying "To—— with them." You must be an active member to have the privilege of voicing your opinions from the floor. If you have a gripe about something, come to the meetings, and make yourself heard. One man can't vote you down.

Don't forget that "DUES ARE NOW DUE." Pay up and keep the "DOINGS" coming, so that you may keep tabs on your chapter activities, also those of National and other chapters.

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Dep't. Commander: John C. Carter, 28 Cortlandt St., Elmwood, Conn.

Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Dept. of Conn. YDVA State Meeting called to order at 3:45 P. M. by Commander Carter. Chaplain Wm. O'Neill, Jr., opened with prayer. Commander Carter then called for 30 seconds silence in honor of our departed comrades.

Chaplain Wm. O'Neill, Jr., still has no list of sick to be visited but he and Chaplain McCarthy of Bridgeport Chapter visited PDC J. Philip Fray who has returned to his home from the hospital in Boston, Mass. Comrades, I think Phil would appreciate a shower of cards—how about it? The Secretary received a letter from Mrs. Al Herman in Norwalk stating that Al is in the Norwalk Hospital due to a fall in front of the Norwalk Police Station. Also, Comrades John Kvance, Philip McIntyre, Hugo Marron, and John Phalen are at Rocky Hill.

Commander Carter reported on the informal meeting of the Nominating Committee as Chairman PNC Edgar Miller was unable to be there. On the history of the YD Committee Hi Dube reported progress; also the New Haven Chapter presented the Dept. of Conn. a history of Conn. Fights to be placed in the library at Newington Veterans Hospital.

As some of the comrades wish YD Markers and are unable to get them, Hi Dube suggested the State Dept. should handle this as he knows the channels through which they may be obtained.

Commander Carter then gave a talk on the work of the State-Wide Veterans Council. He stated that one of the issues put through was the exemption of auto tax on the cars furnished disabled veterans.

PDC Fred Hirsch made motion that the Dept. of Conn. purchase 200 of the new YD stamps for the Secretary to use on his minutes. So voted.

PDC Fred Hirsch moved that as PDC Philip Fray was home, a suitable gift of flowers, fruit or cigarettes be sent to Phil. Sam Marcus was delegated to do the honors. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

A fine supper was served by Pat Healey and Bill Donergan with the aid of the one man auxiliary of New London, Mrs. Pat Healey.

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was to have been held preceding the State Meeting in New London but as Chairman Edgar Miller was ill and unable to attend, Commander Carter held an informal meeting at which time it was voted to advance the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders one station. There were seven chapters represented at this meeting. The Junior Vice-Commander's station and all other officers below Junior Vice will be nominated at a meeting to be held at 2 o'clock preceding the March State meeting to be held at American Legion Hall in West Hartford Sunday, March 14th. Some of the comrades at the New London meeting didn't understand what the Nominating Committee consists of. The Nominating Committee is composed of the Commanders of all the 17 chapters. Commander Carter has requested all the commanders or their representative to attend the March meeting, also to submit names to be nominated and elected to all the officers from Junior Vice Commander down.

—H. Leroy Woodcock.

HARTFORD

Commander: Leonard Fletcher
52 Ellsworth St., Newington, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

We have had regular meetings throughout the fall and winter months and the attendance has held up very well. The Entertainment committee has done an exceptionally fine job. To commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of our entry into the trenches back in WWI, we held our Smorgasborg on Feb. 7th. Nat. Comm. Jones, Nat. Sgt-at-Arms Holbrook, Nat.

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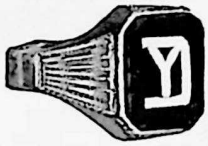

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MERIDEN
"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter
Commander: Howard R. Matteson
136 Wall St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Frank H. McGar, Sr.
53 South Ave., Meriden, Conn.

FLASH: Dues for 1948. No waiting for membership cards from Boston. We have them. Four members have received their cards for 1948. SVC C. D. Kirkham drives eighteen miles to attend chapter meetings. He has attended every meeting for the past year. William Lucas is home from the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital. PDC Clarence Roys has finished a course in carpentry, plumbing, painting, paper hanging, plastering and electricity. He is going to take a course in home decorating and furnishing, also domestic science. His object, matrimony.

Royal Lacourcier has returned from Florida, where he spent a very good vacation. Captain Francis Higgins of the Police Dept. did a fine job at the "Mile of Dimes" booth and broadcasting over WMMW.

Hartford and New Britain Chapters have been invited to meet with us for a social evening in March. Clarence Roys and Francis Higgins are the Chapter delegates on the Lincoln plaque committee.

Election of officers Sunday, March 6th at AL home.

—Frank H. McGarr, Sr.

NORWALK
Commander: Philip E. McIntyre
Shepherd St., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

Your reporter just returned home from the hospital. Will try and give a report of the chapter activities. Sorry that my report will be somewhat gloomy, but that is the way things stand in Norwalk at the present time. Five of our comrades have been confined to the Rocky Hill Hospital for a long time including our Commander Philip McIntyre, Jr. Vice Commander Hugh Marron, Past Commander John Kvance, and John Phelan. Joseph Roach passed away last month at the Newington Veterans Hospital. Yours truly just returned from the Norwalk General Hospital after a three weeks confinement. There are just a few of us old timers left and at this time I will make this appeal to the rest of our comrades who are in good health to try and get behind the Norwalk Chapter and work just a little bit harder than they have in the past to keep our Charter of the YD alive. Especially at this time of the year when dues are due and payable. Please fellows, appoint yourself a committee of one and get the dues for 1948 to the Secretary which will help a lot. We will try and arrange for a meeting in a short time so that arrangements could be made to carry on until the rest of our comrades are back with us once again.

We in Norwalk feel very sorry that we had to miss all the National Executive Committee meetings and almost all of the State Dept. meetings, but it just could not be helped.

Thanks to our State Commander Carter for a splendid job that he and his Officers are doing. Regarding the increase in dues, I don't see how any red blooded YD man could refuse to pay $1.00 extra in dues. As for myself I am willing and ready to pay that extra buck just to keep YD alive. We all know the present conditions all over the country. Everything cost more, and we certainly don't want to see our YANKEE DOINGS cheapened. Think it over fellows.

—A. W. H.

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STATE MEETING

The State Department of Rhode Island held its February meeting in Odd Fellows Hall, Crompton, R. I. with Kent County Chapter as host. It was one of the liveliest, spark flying meetings we have held in a long while. There were only twenty-four members attending but the wit and banter flying back and forth sure made up for the small number.

There are a number of comrades on the sick list either at home or in the hospital. They are, Comrade William E. Geddes, Kent County; Comrades Collins, Carrier, Poirier, Godin, Hague and Tilslee of Apremont Chapter. Hurry up and get well fellas.

The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers for the State Department for 1948-49; Commander, Albert Shabbott, Apremont; Sr. Vice Comm., open; Jr. Vice Comm., Francis Dunn, Providence; Secretary, Howard W. Hunt, Providence; Treasurer, John R. Moran, Apremont; Chaplain, John Mallon, Apremont; Trustees, Bertram H. Campbell, Apremont; Ralph H. Whitman, Providence and James Dyson, Kent County. The members of the nominating committee couldn't agree on a candidate for Sr. Vice Commander. The committee members from Kent County wanted one man and the remaining committee members wanted another. Therefore, nominations were asked for from the floor. Roy Simpson, Providence and Wm. E. Geddes, Kent County were nominated. The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for all officers, except Sr. Vice Commander. The meeting then proceeded by secret ballot to vote on the two names submitted for Sr. Vice Commander. Twenty-four eligible to vote. The final result: Simpson 14; Geddes 9—Blank 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to declare the election of Simpson unanimous. The above officers will be installed on April 19th when Apremont chapter will be host to the State Department. More details later.

The committee appointed to select and submit the name of a worthy member from Rhode Island for the office of National Commander met just before the meeting began. After due consideration the committee decided to decline to name a candidate and by way of explanation stated first, that the National Commander last year was from Rhode Island, therefore, we probably wouldn't stand a chance of getting another so soon and second, of the members who were qualified to hold the office of National Commander none could spare the time nor the money to undertake the job. The Secretary was instructed to so notify the National Executive committee.

It was unanimously voted to purchase three Past Department Commanders badges for comrades Olson, McCallum and Davidson.

After the meeting was over, which incidentally, did not wind up until ten minutes to twelve, the ladies of Kent County Chapter served a very tasty luncheon that was enjoyed by all. A number of the ladies from Providence and Apremont came with their men folks. All in all it was one swell evening.

—Howard W. Hunt, Sec. pro-tem.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Bertram T. Campbell
9 Jefferson Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

Meetings Third Monday of the month, Irish-American Hall, North Union Street, Pawtucket, R. I.

Well, comrades, another year is drawing to a close. Plans are being formulated for the annual banquet. We had one of our best banquets last year and we are looking forward to a bigger and better one this year. You will hear more about it in the near future. The 1948-1949 membership committee has already been appointed by the Commander with Junior Vice Commander Walter Misewicz, WWII as the Chairman, assisted by John L. Mallon, Homer W. Poirier, Earl

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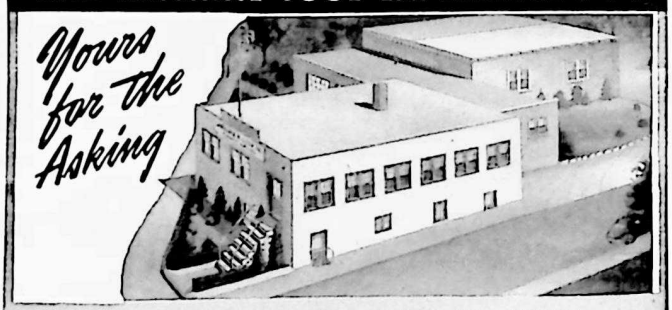

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R. Dearman, Joseph L. Bourget, Arnold E. Beech, John R. Moran, and Commander Campbell ex-officio. You all can help the chapter by helping the committee with the National Convention in Providence in June. Apremont must be well represented. The drive will be conducted the same as it has been done in previous years so be watching for things to come.

Cards and letters were received from a good many of the comrades during the holidays, one especially from comrade Colonel Jack Baird who is with the Provost Marshall's office in Korea. He states that he receives his "Yankee Doings" regularly and is pretty well informed on all activities. Quoting Comrade Baird, he expects his tour of duty to end in the middle part of '48.

At the meeting of the 19th, Comrades Arnold Beech and John Mallon gave us an interesting session on the workings of the local Veterans Council. They made it so interesting that the chapter wants a more detailed report at each meeting. Both comrades are delegates to the council, so be it. Word has been received that Leo St. John has been discharged from Newport Naval Hospital. Ed Godin has just been operated on at Newport. Angelo Carrier is in the Rhode Island Hospital. Bob Haigh is still at Rutland. Dave Collins and Will Campbell are slowly improving. The usual donation was made to the March of Dimes fund. Watch the DOINGS for the new YD stamps. Keep in touch with the times by reading your DOINGS. Don't forget, membership drive and Annual Banquet. Read your chapter notices. Never missed yet.

—John R. Moran.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Walter B. Vickery
86 Keith Avenue, Cranston 10, R. I.
Secretary: Clifton L. Higgins
90 Berkshire St., Providence 8, R. I.

At the meeting of Providence Chapter on Feb. 4, 1948 we had 25 members present. To date we have 314 members paid up. The Carnival Date has been set for July 12 to 17, 1948. Comrade Dowling was reported ill. The names of the newly elected officers for 1948-1949 were given at this meeting. We had six Past Commanders with us at this meeting, which was Past Commander's Night. They were: Larry Cook, Jack Kelley, Bob Murray, Mike Crescenzo, Dave Davidson and Ralph Whitman. All gave a short speech. The Kitty drawing was drawn for J. Clark. Not being there it was won on the eleventh drawing by B. K. Smith for $5. —Clif Higgins.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

East: Commander: Louis Wintner, 911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phil., Penn.
Middle West: Harry G. Schnell, 2760 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland, Ohio

BALTIMORE

Commander: Nelson A Wright
1001 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md.
Secretary: Thomas E. Johancen
110 Homewood Rd., Linthicum Hqts., Md.

The YD Club of Baltimore met on the third anniversary of the Division entering the drive on the "Bulge." It was joint session with the Ladies invited. Instead of the regular meeting place at the 29th Division Club this meeting was held at a restaurant on Harford Rd.

Lt. Gen. Paul, our War-time Commander was the invited guest speaker of the evening. He took the boys back thru the Tennessee maneuvers, Camp Jackson and Gordon and then the trip over and the campaigns over there.

Next month the meeting will be held at the regular meeting place, the 29th Division Club on the second Thursday. Hope to see more out to the meetings.

CHICAGO

Commander: Gil J. Nape
842 W. Altgeld St., Chicago 14, Ill.
Secretary: William F. Buchholz
201 N. Wells St., Chicago (6), Ill.

Here it is January 29th and we, who live in the wayside station of Chicago, just received our Yankee Doings for January. Guess the big snow you guys had held it up.

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Glad that southwest wind came along today to chase away that sub-zero weather we've been having for 10 days. Too bad it didn't come last Tuesday night when the Chapter held its monthly meeting. Those who braved the 8° below weather were Nape, Hubbard, Mine, Brennan, Coburn, Long, Micone, Kienning, Keyworth and the writer. Next month (February) a preview at Paramount is expected and lo and behold a dance is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day. Coburn, Brennan, Keyworth and Nape are making all arrangements. By the time this is printed, the above affairs may be over, but come on you Chicagoans, let's make our meetings big. Dues for 1948 are due, and this year we will not have to await membership cards from Boston. Yours truly will give you your card as soon as you pay up. That saves me postage. Thanks for the change in method.

The Chapter has lost one of its staunchest supporters when John Klockowski, Commander of the Chapter in 1944-45, answered the last roll-call. He had been ailing for some time. The Chicago Chapter is sorry we could not grant him his last wish, and that was for the Yankee Division Chapter of Chicago to bury him. Most of the old rocking chair guys of W W I (including the writer) were either busy or ready to leave town on a business trip. We did finance a firing squad and bugler, as well as a wreath and YD marker.

Getting back to our magazine Yankee Doings, I wish to state that I read practically everything in it, except that bunk coming out of Providence. If you're short of hotel space there, come out to Chicago, one of the wayside points to New York. We have plenty of hotel space.

Ed Morrissey leaves soon for Homestead, Florida to erect an adobe hacienda. Yuy, Ed feels old age coming and has purchased 15 acres of land down there and expects to raise avocados and citrus fruit. No children, has two already. Any of you rocking chair guys ever get down that way, look him up, especially the Worcester battery boys. Guess he read where Clyde Elliott enjoys taking his shoes off after a day's work and takes a nap before going to bed. Well, Clyde, I know a lot of Chicago guys from W W I who do the same thing. Ed said that you could go barefoot down there and get in the old rocking chair any time of the day you wished.

Wouldn't mind taking in the Annual Installation at New York on February 28th; bet we guys in this small town (I mean way station) could learn a lot. But darn Uncle Samuel, he must get his taxes and I have to make out tax returns till the 15th of March, to make some money to feed my tribe and, oh, yeah, take in YDVA affairs with what I have left over and that's very little.

OHIO

Commander: Herbert Riehl
10103 Benham Ave., Cleveland (5) Ohio
Secretary: Fred A. Boutwell
4817 Payne Ave., Cleveland (3), Ohio

We held our regular meeting Feb. 1, 1948 at which time we had a nice turn out and plenty of action on lot of subjects that the members differed about and had to be ironed out. Also a report was given by our member who is on the National Executive Committee after a meeting which lasted almost 3 hours the Ladies Auxiliary served us with bean and weiner supper at which everybody was on his plenty for all we are always well taken care of when the women do it and they did it again.

— Fred Boutwell, *Adjutant.*

LADIES AUXILIARY

Irene Nelson, our Vice-President, was reported doing nicely after a serious operation. The Ladies enjoyed her fine letter at our Feb. 1 meeting.

Our first raffle was won by Doris Smart at a well attended meeting. Perhaps we should have bigger and better raffles. The dinner was quite a success, with the principal dish being baked beans and wieners. It

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was obvious that the men had worked up an appetite after their meeting (or was it during?). Nuf sed!

A spaghetti dinner is planned for the March meeting by Madolyn Sacco. Incidentally, this will be a rather important meeting since our 1948 officers will be elected at this meeting. We'll have a complete report for yo uon this next time. Until then, I remain your Cleveland correspondent, Johanna Baldo.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Ayres Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Randell E. Ericson
832 Poplar St., Denver, Colo.

February gone, how time does fly. Had our regular meeting on Monday night.

Preston is back in town and showed up for the meeting, glad to have you back.

Art Vetter, our Commander , is out at Fitzsimmons Hospital for a check-up, hope he is back with us soon. We missed you at the meeting, Art.

Charles Ellis was back in Cincinnati, Ohio on a short vacation but will be back next month. Bet he is having a good time.

A couple of the boys played a joke on Loeb; hope he explained to his Missus alright.

Other members present were Morris, Chapin, Norton, Schwartzer, and your truly.

— Ericson.

LOS ANGELES
(Southern California Chapter)
Commander: Ernest B. Couture
3760 Murrfield, Los Angeles, Cal.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Chapter held its regular meeting at Patriotic Hall on February 4th, with Commander Ernie Couture conducting the business session in his usual very efficient manner.

Past Commander Ed Rowe brought some pictures taken at the last Armistice Day Parade which will make an interesting addition to these in our archives.

We had as a guest, Dept. Chief of Staff Adolph Sutro, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Volney Gilson, our ambassador to the San Francisco Chapter came in from Monrovia, Jim Ripley from West Los Angeles and Archie Farr from Sherman Oaks, all having long drives just to attend the meeting.

Ben Crawford is recuperating at home after an operation at the Long Beach Naval Hospital and we hope to see him regularly at our meetings soon.

This Chapter was very sorry to learn of the death of Howard E. Smith, E Co., 102nd Infantry, World War I. We learned of his passing in a letter from "Red" Washburn of Woodside, Long Island, New York, to Commander Anthony DeJesus of the San Francisco Chapter, which was rushed to Commander Couture but not in time for us to attend the funeral services which were held at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Friday, January 23rd. Howard died at his home, 915 Orchard Drive, Burbank, California, on Tuesday, January 20th.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Commander: Geo. H. Young
4724 Huron Ave. S. E., Wash., D. C.
Secretary: Arthur Robitaille
2224 Chester St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Haven't had anything of value for "Doings" for several months, so here goes.

First of all, congratulations to our Honorary National Commander, Lieutenant General Willard S. Paul, upon his promotion.

Going back a bit, we did the honors at the grave of Major General Clarence R. Edwards on Armistice Day and again on January 1, 1948, both times in a torrential rain.

On December 19, 1947, three of us W W I (Young, Stearn and myself) were at the reburial of P.F.C. Joseph E. Douglas who was killed in Belgium in 1944. Anyone who served with him may write to his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Winter, CBCF So. Ninth Street, Arlington, Va.

On January 7th we held our meeting at Heurides Brewery which plays host to one veterans organization one night a year. Main attraction (other than beer and pretzels) was a television showing of wrestling bouts.

At this meeting the Pentagon was represented by Lt. Col. John Pauley, Major Joseph Hamlin and Captain Collin Bushway. From the Walter Reed Hospi-

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tal, we had Lt. Col. Aloysius (Pat) O'Flaherty and Lts. Edgar Webber and J. G. McGary. Several members of the Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edward Post, V.F.W. were our guests and gave the pool table a workout. Harris Spooner, Jr. (328th Inf., W W II) warbled several operatic arias, assisted by bass of Col. O'Flaherty. Sounded like a bull-fiddle and a flute.

Owing to the numerous counter attractions, no effort was made to hold a meeting, so that the nominations of the officers went over to the Feb. Meeting. The following slate will be voted upon at the March 3rd meeting: Commander, Carl Reddings, Sr. V.C., Arthur L. Robitaille, Jr. V.C., John Smith, Sec.-Treas., Carl Newcomb, Jr., Chaplain John Caswell, Historian, Byron Carson, Sgt.-at-Arms, Nate Golden.

A date and a place for the installation will be decided upon at the March 3rd meeting.

We had another night at Heurides on Feb. 18th, when we were the guests of the Maj. Gen. C. R. Edwards V.F.W. Post. That's team work. Despite the unlimited pouring of brew no one got hilarious—that's the YD—always under control.

We had a visit with N.C. Fred Jones when he came down this way for a visit with the Baltimore Chapter, and in January when P.N.C. Larry Cook was here on a Convention campaign. Unfortunately, we had such bad weather they were snowbound in the Statler Hotel. Like being on a desert island—so different. They said they would be back during cherry-blossom time, which nearly came about last week.

Edgar Erickson, for years in St. Louis, is now in Washington, D.C., and we expect to see him at a meeting soon. Al Bartram is home from Mt. Alto. Lost a piggy. While there he saw Joe Chizamshos who was in for a revamping. Nate Golden anticipates a tough assignment in Florida for three weeks.

We're working on that Providence National Convention and expect to have a good showing this year.

— Arthur L. Robitaille.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

E CO. ECHOES

We haven't much news but want to start the New Year off right, as far as our "Echoes" publication duties are concerned, so here we are . . . Arthur Stanley, in accordance with his long-standing custom, sent in his 1948 check No. 1 to "Echoes" . . . As long as we've mentioned that, we might as well put the subscription receipts up here instead of waiting till near the end as has been the usual system: Bill McGinn, Harold Kinsman and Bill Plummer were the other subscriber since last issue . . . Jim Metcalf notified us that Arthur Dudley's mother passed away in December . . . She had been on our mailing list for some time at her request. . . . We heard from Mrs. Frances Hosea—Lynn's mother—during the Christmas season . . . She is down at Dennisport, Cape Cod, Mass. and we're sorry to say her health hadn't been too good but we hope the mild winter down there will be beneficial to her . . . We had lots of nice cards bringing Christmas and New Year greetings, all of which greetings are heartily reciprocated herewith . . .

Ran into Okie O'Connor at the Parker House last week and he confirmed a hunch we had back in the early days of December when reading about the Medford (Mass.) football team playing at the Alligator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., that it was Okie's younger brother Tom who was coach of the Medford Team . . . Okie took in the game, too . . . His brother Tom was in charge of physical training at Chapel Hill when one of my sons was there during the War and apparently knows his stuff on athletics . . . During one of the broadcasts, we thought Tom's voice sounded like Okie's but were afraid it might be our imagination working overtime . . . Okie was busy as a bee this last week at a sales show, or something of that character, in his line at the Parker House . . . Bill Buxton's son David is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force

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NEON LIGHTING

at Dow Field, Bangor, Me., and has two daughters and a son . . . We were notified by the Post Office that we should withhold mailing copies of our publication to Earl W. Flebut, whose address we had as Westover Field, Chicopee, Falls, Mass. . . . Looking at the card more carefully we see it is from the Postal Officer at the above field, and the card is one used by the Army and not by the Post Office . . . Anyone know where Earl is now? . . . In response to Mrs. Dorman's card, we'll say our son who was in the Army Hospital has been discharged and is taking out-patient treatment at the V.A. which seems to be helping him . . .

Doddy Bent was up hereabouts for Thanksgiving with his family and 'phoned Ye Ed. who was very glad to hear from him . . . He wanted to be remembered to all . . Had a nice chat with Harold Kinsman a few weeks ago . . . He reported that working for his firm, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, among many others, were these of special fame, or heritage . . . George Gillman, Maurice Corkery's daughter, and a son of George Capelle of B Co., 101st Engrs. . . . Later on we heard that Harold, like many of the rest of us, was having a bout with that old debbil cold germ . . . . Hope you're O.K. now, Harold . . . John Rooney's picture and name got a lot of prominence in December in connection with the much publicized, long-range Improvement Plan for Dedham, Mass. prepared for the Dedham Planning Board of which John was a member . . . One paper listed him as Chairman, and if that's right, so much the better . . . Ernest Steward reports that he sees Henry Brown frequently but hasn't seen or heard of "Sparrow" Houghton for a couple of years . . . Most of the Steward family is in College—his second son at Tufts, his third at Devens and Ernie himself is at Mass. Insti. of Technology—with the Lord Elec. Co., where he likes it very well . . . That finishes up all the news we had so we'll sign off with our old slogan

LET'S STICK TOGETHER

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here'n' there with the 101st . . . Congratulations and best wishes to Col. Dan Murphy, the new C. O. of the 101st Infantry, M. N. G. . . . He succeeds Col. Edward (Pop) Connors . . . Ned Peters (Hdgs., W W II) is contacting every 101st man he can reach to have sort of a reunion in Columbus, Ohio . . . Don McCain, (Co. C, W W II) has stopped working on the pipeline and is back working on his pre-war job of tending bar in Lancaster, Ohio . . . Francis "Pete" Hammond, (Anti-tank) lives in Lancaster and is working in a clothing store . . . Anyone wishing to write to him can do so by writing c/o Hammond's Store, Lancaster, Ohio . . . Heard from Bob King (Co. C, W W II) during the holidays . . . He is taking an engineering course . . . He sent me a picture of the Church at Hill No. 310 and I am sure the boys from "Charlie" Company would be interested to see it . . . Kent Roberts (Co. C, W W II) is attending school somewhere in Penn. . . . Charlie Hales, (Co. C, W W II) has finished college and is working with his father in the grocery business in Plattsburg, Mo. . . . Neal Burdette, Jr., (Co. C, W W II) writes me he saw Bill McCleery during the last part of their recent blizzard out there but didn't get a chance to talk to him and did not know whether he likes to walk in the wind and snow or whether he was on an important mission . . . Burdette also stated he has not seen "Shorty" Miller lately and presumes that "Charlie" Company's old runner must be snowbound somewhere . . . He goes on to say that their local guard company had its first annual Federal inspection and passed with flying colors . . . They have about 75 out of their allotted strength of 198 . . . Not so good for a town like theirs . . . Expects to have another intensive recruiting drive soon . . . Attention Bob King, (Co. C, W W II) send your dues to Joe Donavon, 8 Glenburnie Road, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, Treasurer of the 101st Inf. Vets. Ass'n., A.E.F. . . . Eddie Kelley (Co. H) had a shock and is now confined to the West Roxbury V. A. Hospital . . . Jim Doody (Co. H) while working for a trucking concern, had a box fall on him . . . He was crushed internally but did not realize it at the time of the accident . . . He was found dead in bed the next morning by his sister . . . I promised to let you have some more names and addresses of the Anti-Tank Co. . . . Here they are: . . . Mike Sherman, 3701 Fairmount, Phila., Pa. . . . Mel Hayes, Rt. No. 2, Freenville, Ohio . . . Jerry Smith, 2254 Annapolis Road, Baltimore, Md. . . . George Latham, 43 Harding Ave., No. Arlington, N. J. . . . Orville Turner, Rt. No. 1, Balesville, Ark. . . . Fred Helms, RJV So. Barns, Pampa, Texas . . . George LeDown, 8 Temple, Spencer, Mass. . . . Francis Geier, 60 Magelina, Pittsburg,

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FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

February 16, 1948

Guy Watts, Secretary
Y.D.V.A.
200 Huntington Ave.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Comrade Secretary:

In accordance with the action of the 104th Executive Council at its duly called meeting held on February 1, 1948 in Worcester, Mass., it was voted that a copy of the letter received from the French Military Attache, Washington, D. C. be sent you for publication in the YD Doings with reference to the French Fourragere awarded the 104th U. S. Infantry Regiment.

The letter is as follows:

22 July 1947

Mr. Lawrence A. Wagner, Adjutant
104th U. S. Infantry Veterans Association
201 Oak Street
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Colonel LeBel, temporarily absent from Washington, has requested me to answer your letter of 8 July 1947.

I take pleasure in sending you enclosed a note on the awarding of the Croix de Guerre and the wearing of the fourragere. The specific questions posed in your letter may be answered as follows: 1) The fourragere may be worn by all the present members of the 104th Infantry Regiment while they are serving with that unit. 2) It may be worn by members of the 104th Infantry while they are serving with another unit provided they participated in both actions motivating the citations received in World War I and World War II. In this case, the individual member would have the right to place the Regimental crossarms with the numeral 104 on the fourragere. 3) Other veterans of the unit, that is to say, those who are no longer serving with the unit and participated in only one action cited, do not have the right to wear the fourragere.

I hope that this information will prove helpful.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Bernari Delegue, *Captain*
Office of the French Military Attache

The Executive Council at its February 1st, 1948 meeting in Worcester, Mass. voted that veterans of both wars may wear the French Fourragere on VETERANS ORGANIZATION UNIFORMS ONLY and not on your uniform that you were discharged with. Yours in Comradeship.

Lawrence A. Wagner

328TH INFANTRY

Feeling for some time that the news from the 328th Inf. and we include the 263rd F. A. Bn. has long been neglected, principally, shall we say, due to disorganization. I am trying to start the ball rolling with the ultimate goal at present of good representation at the Y. D. Vets annual convention at Providence, Rhode Island, June 24-27, 1948. With all this advance warning many of you should be able to plan to take this in. If MacEleheny (263rd) could make it from Iowa last year certainly some of us that live nearer can plan for this year.

Sgt. Marucka, formerly 1st Sgt. of Co. H, W W II, did a fine and unselfish job at the '47 convention in Springfield and set a good example for us all to get going. Any correspondence of interest to others, any articles of the old gang or old times, or any questions —if you want to address them to Paul S. Carrier, 26 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Mass., and I will endeavor to see that they receive the proper attention and with the aid of Guy Watts, National Secretary endeavor to publish them for the benefit of others.

Dwight W. Colley has shown more than uncommon interest and has volunteered to assist in any way to get the 328th into the position and recognition that it deservees. Buckey Callanan has already done some active work and you were told that "The 328th used psychological warfare" by Ed Logan (S-2, Hqs.) in a previous issue. Why not all spend just a few minutes and send your news or comments to Carrier as mentioned above.

Gardie Goldsmith (Ex-O, 3rd Bn. Hqs.) has married the sister of Tom Mougey (formerly Co. M., 104th Inf.) deceased, and has settled down in Winnetka, Illinois, to manage a Pontiac agency. Joan was born to Jane and Gardie last September. Latest news from Don Skells, (Ln. O. Hqs.) was an invitation to his wedding in Detroit last October. He was pursuing higher education under the G. I. Bill. "Long

Jim" Mott is still residing in Buffalo and we two have recently been engaged in correspondence with Washington trying to straighten out the battle field commission given Francis Kelley (Co G.) in November, 1944. Just before Xmas Kelley was still fighting it out from the hospital and had not as yet been retired. I'm sure he would relish a letter from any of his old friends and as I do not have his address right at hand, if you will send it to me I will see that it is forwarded promptly.

Remember Major David Welch holding forth and giving us all a dressing down for eating a few of the French or German chickens, wearing gay scarves around our grimy necks and checking us in general—in short, Dave was the Mil. Gov't. officer. As the result of his jeep being hit at Mecher-Dunkrodt by an ambulance, he has been retired from active duty and to add to his joy (or misery) he has become a grandfather for the fifth time. Noel Menard (C. O. 1st Bn.) is due in New York soon from Europe to study at Edgewood Arsenal. Col. Menard has changed his branch of service and transferred back to the Chem. Warfare. Len Weakley (Ex-O, 1st Bn.) is back in Cincinnati, Ohio, practicing law in the firm Sen. Taft helps to head. Paul Johnson (Ln. O, Hqs.) has increased the size of his family and is Ex-O of Co. C, 181st Inf., Mass. Nat. Guard. Incidentally there are a lot of us who have taken up new duties with the reorganized 26th Div. now that it is once again a guard unit in Mass. Ed Logan is ass't G-2, I am ass't G-3, Col. Bigelow commands the 181st Inf., Col. Dan Murphy was just transferred from chief of staff to command the 101st Inf. Whittemore (263rd) is with Div. Arty. Hqs. Henry Doyle who was C. O. of Co. A until Notham in the Bulge has command of a Co. in the 181st.

Eddie Germain (1st Sgt., Co. G) was in a serious jeep accident while awaiting transportation home in '45 and after much hospitalization, received a medical retirement, married, has now a big healthy son, Mark, and is attending American College in Springfield, Mass. Father Bransfield is in Newton, Mass. and National Chaplain for the Y. D. Lt. Greup (formerly Co. A and later Co. G) has had a long hospital seige and when I last heard of him he was due for more operations on his arms. Remember, fellers, there are still some of the buddies for whom the war is not over as it is for you, and I know that they would get great pleasure out of letters from any or all. Ham Andon (C. O., Co. H) had a long pull with the stomach that got hit outside of Serrig, but is now a civilian again and back at it in New York City. Larry Treff (Co. G) after being released as a prisoner of war was hospitalized for some time but for two years now has been studying at Duquesne in Pittsburgh. Elmer Layne writes finally from Buena Vista, Va. that he, Henry Ogden, and Charles Johnson (Co. G) are located in that town and working together at "Lee Rugs and Carpets." Elmer just married before Xmas, '47.

Fran Gardner (Hqs. Co.) has married again and is working for American Diesel, when last heard from he was working out of St. Louis. His wife is the sister of Dick Walsh (Hqs. Co., 3rd Bn.). Dick has just joined the fire department in Quincy, Mass.

Well, if most of this news seems to be concerning the Hqs. and Co. G, all I can say is that this is a beginning and I hope a lead for you fellows of the old 328th and 263rd to get in some hot dope on your old gang, let's get on the agate, send it now while it's still fresh.

180TH FIELD ARTILLERY

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

"Bennie" McCarter (C Btry.) the Sage of Tupelo, Mississippi, finally came through with a letter after being threatened with exposure . . . you know, stuff like what happened at Krummau, Czechoslovakia on the night of July 10, 1945 . . . were you peeking Warsofsky? . . . "Bennie" says that he is busy selling furniture specializing in love seats, divans . . . and Louis XIV beds, but found time to report that Kyle Jones, one of the famed C Battery's AWOL's was roaming the bayous of Louisiana in the role of an evangelist . . . must be looking for Chloe! . . . recall the time when Jones strayed away from the Tennessee maneuver area and legged it home to the hills of North Carolina so his old man wouldn't beat him to a jug of "corn" he had cached up in the "holler" . . . Kyle certainly was a rare character . . . Note to Sam Gilde (C Bty.) . . . McCarter wants to know whether or not you're still carrying that aiming circle around on your back . . . says if not, he will get you one from an Army surplus store and ship it up here . . . "Buck" Benson, one of the old A Btry. stalwarts who later joined the paratroops, is a cop and pounds his beat in the Codman Square, Dorchester section . . . Remember how "Buck" used to clothe himself (with other guy's clothes) when going on a pass? . . . you know a shirt here, a tie there until he walked out fully attired and ready for a foamy glass . . . Joe Ashmore, formerly with B Btry. and later a member of the 263rd FA, has rejoined the Army and should be a captain by now . . . that's all this month, boys . . . how about sending in some more 180th news?

— Bob Levey.

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